Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Muscular dystrophy is not a single disease or disorder that effects everyone the same way but an umbrella term covering more 9 types of muscular and 43 neuromuscular diseases ranging in severity; and,

Whereas, All muscular dystrophies result in progressive muscle weakness, from mild muscle weakness to complete paralysis of all voluntary muscles, including those used for breathing and/or swallowing; and,

Whereas, More than 1,000,000 individuals in the United States are affected by one of the different types of muscular dystrophy that strikes people regardless of race, sex, age, or ethnicity; and,

Whereas, There are four times as many new clinical trials underway in the 1900s, and there are more new drugs expected in the next few years than in the previous five decades in the fight for a cure for neuro-muscular disease; and,

Whereas, Raising public awareness of these diseases will continue to facilitate the discovery of treatments and cures, as well as bring much needed funding for support and services for families in South Dakota that are affected by muscular dystrophy and neuromuscular diseases; and,

Whereas, Muscular Dystrophy Awareness month and Light it Up Green for MD month is a special opportunity to educate the public about muscular dystrophy and issues in the muscular dystrophy community:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim August 2016 as

MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY AWARENESS MONTH

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourteenth Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Sixteen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State